

## NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY AND INFORMATION REQUEST

**EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTION** 

URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUIRED CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

(b) (6)

NOV - 9 2005

Re: Sauer Dump, Dundalk, Maryland

Dear Mr. and Mrs. (b) (6)

This letter notifies (b) (6) (hereinafter "you") that you may incur, or may have incurred, liability under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), with respect to the Sauer Dump ("Site") located in Dundalk, Maryland. This letter also notifies you of potential response activities at the Site, which you may be asked to perform or pay for at a later date if the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") performs them.

Under CERCLA, commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law, the EPA is responsible for responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment – that is, for stopping further contamination from occurring and for cleaning up or otherwise addressing any contamination that has already occurred. EPA has documented that such a release has occurred at the Site. EPA has spent, or is considering spending, public funds to investigate and control releases of hazardous substances or potential releases of hazardous substances at the Site. Based on information presently available to EPA, EPA has determined that you may be responsible under CERCLA for cleanup of the Site or for costs EPA has incurred in cleaning up the Site.

## **EXPLANATION OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY**

Under CERCLA, specifically Sections 106(a) and 107(a), potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by EPA in cleaning up the Site, unless the PRP can show divisibility or any of the other statutory defenses. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of a site, as well as persons who arranged for treatment and/or disposal of any hazardous substances found at the site, and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport and selected the site to which the hazardous substances were delivered.

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